

Collector, Writer, Editor, Dealer, Philatelic Expert, Leader and you-name-it, **Patricia Kaufmann** is perhaps the busiest worker bee in the hobby of stamp collecting. There's hardly an area of endeavor that she has not touched. One can only ask, "What's next?"

Trish Kaufmann, as she is widely known to her friends and admirers, is reaching that stage in life when a philatelist starts receiving all sorts of praise and honors. But wait—it may be hard to believe, but a lot of important honors have already come her way. In her journey through both time and the creaky old male-dominated steps and hallowed halls of the 79-year old Confederate Stamp Alliance, Trish has earned her position as virtually the most honored leader the venerable organization has ever had.

She's edited *The Confederate Philatelist* over a 17 year period (uh, but that was back in the 1960s-1980s!), served the Alliance (nearly 700 members strong, by the way), as its president, served on its authentication service, been chief editor of its new *Confederate States of America Handbook of Stamps and Postal History*, and is a three-time winner of the CSA Hadyn Myer service award. In other words, she is very much the doyenne of Confederate States philately.

She is one of a handful of dealers who can be called one of the top dealers in America in this particular specialty. And being a longtime writer, she not only sells the highest level of Civil War postal history, she writes about it for this magazine.

Trish Kaufmann began as the wife of an esteemed philatelist and dealer (Brian Green) with whom she edited the CSA journal before she took over and did it solo for those 17 years. During that period, she remarried and became the wife and partner with husband John W. Kaufmann when he founded and ran his own large auction company in Washington, D.C.

This hobby can be justly proud of its great women like Trish. She not only rose to compete on an even keel in a hobby long dominated by men, she, like other female astute philatelists, came to play a pre-eminent role in the pastime.

It's difficult to put over anything on Trish when she leads a group or organization or committee. Here she is presiding over a board of trustees meeting of the Confederate Stamp Alliance in 2008.



Trish Kaufmann

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